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## DEPARTMENT OF STEEL & MINES

### NOTIFICATION

The 30th November, 2023

**Sub.: Notification for exploration in amalgamated Kumaipali-Antapali-Rengali block in favour of MECL under rule 67 of MC Rules 2016.**

No. 11995—SM-AE-ME-0002/2021/S&M.—Whereas, the GM (Exploration), MECL vide his letter No. MECL/EXPL/DGM-Odisha/22-23/2167, dated the 13th January 2023 had requested the Director of Mines and Geology, Odisha for approval of the proposal for amalgamation of Kumiapali-Antapali-Rengali manganese blocks with Rengali G2 blocks and notify the same in favour of MECL under Rule-67 of MC Rules, 2016.

And, whereas, the Director of Mines and Geology, Odisha has examined the proposal of MECL and recommended vide his letter No. 8377/DoMG, dated the 26th June, 2023 for Government approval.

And, whereas, the Kumiapali-Antapali-Rengali manganese blocks are explored at G4 level and the adjoining Rengali North and Rengali South blocks are explored at G2 level. The resources estimated in the individual blocks are not promising for the blocks to be auctioned individually. Hence, MECL has proposed for amalgamation of these five blocks to constitute one single block containing sizable resources for considering the same to be put to auction.

Now, therefore, after careful consideration, the State Government have been pleased to approve the proposal of MECL and accordingly, the aforesaid five blocks stand amalgamated and the amalgamated Kumiapali-Antapali-Rengali manganese block over an area of 10.49 Sq. Km. in Bolangir District is hereby notified under Rule 67 of Minerals (Other than Atomic & Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 for exploration to be carried out by MECL up to G2 level of UNFC. The

time period for carrying out exploration shall be two years from the date of issue of this notification.

The details of amalgamated Kumiapali-Antapali-Rengali manganese block are given here under;

SI No	Name of the block	District	Area (Sq.Km)	Level of exploration	Coordinates		
					Corner Point ID	Latitude	Longitude
1	Kumiapali-Antapali-Rengali Amalgamated block	Bolangir	10.49	G2	A	20°47'21.47"	83°16'21.19"
					B	20°47'50.00"	83°16'14.06"
					C	20°47'55.23"	83°16'37.97"
					D	20°47'36.23"	83°16'42.78"
					E	20°47'47.42"	83°17'02.52"
					F	20°47'27.16"	83°17'19.62"
					G	20°47'31.10"	83°17'27.02"
					H	20°46'51.27"	83°17'50.43"
					I	20°46'46.51"	83°17'41.57"
					J	20°46'05.88"	83°18'14.87"
					K	20°45'30.33"	83°18'13.51"
					L	20°45'31.23"	83°16'50.72"
					M	20°46'4.91"	83°16'20.31"

By Order of the Governor

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